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**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY
FOR UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION
(37 C.F.R. § 1.63)**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that my mailing address and citizenship are as stated below.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter that is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**HOT ROLLED STEEL SHEET FOR PROCESSING AND METHOD FOR
MANUFACTURING THE SAME**

the specification of which:

☐ is attached hereto OR
☒ was filed on September 22, 2004 as United States Application Number _____ or PCT International Application Number PCT/JP2004/014286 and amended on _____ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information known to me that is material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

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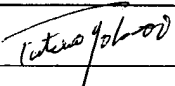
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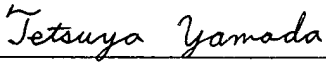
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